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Week in Review

Pruitt takes helm at EPA

- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt did not mention air pollution, water pollution, climate change, or any specific regulations in his first speech as administrator, instead focusing on creating certainty for energy companies.
- Oklahoma officials released the first batch of emails from Pruitt's time as state attorney general, showing close coordination between his office and the energy industry on his opposition to federal environmental regulations.

Back and forth on climate change

- Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner persuaded President Donald Trump not to include language criticizing the Paris climate agreement in an upcoming executive order.
- ExxonMobil Corp.'s new CEO, Darren Woods, called a revenue-neutral carbon tax "a sensible approach to emissions reduction" in a blog post.

Protesters leave Dakota Access site

- The main protest area against the Dakota Access pipeline was cleared shortly after a Wednesday deadline to leave the area.
- Energy Transfer Partners CEO Kelcy Warren said he "underestimated the power of social media" that helped fuel protests against the pipeline.

What's Ahead

- The Senate will hold a cloture vote on Rep. Ryan Zinke's (R-Mont.) nomination to lead the Department of the Interior sometime early in the week, after voting on the nomination of Wilbur Ross to be secretary of commerce.
- The House and Senate will have an eye on water infrastructure on Wednesday. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday on flood control infrastructure and a House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing on Wednesday on water infrastructure.
- A House Science subcommittee will hold a hearing on Tuesday on the social cost of carbon, a key number the government uses to consider the pros and cons of regulations on greenhouse gases.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit 10 a.m.

Tuesday

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit 9 a.m.

House Science Committee hearing on social cost of carbon 10 a.m.

House Agriculture subcommittee hearing on conservation policy in the next farm bill 10 a.m.

Wednesday

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit 9 a.m.

House Natural Resources subcommittee hearing on western water and power infrastructure 10 a.m.

Senate EPW hearing on flood control infrastructure 10:30 a.m.

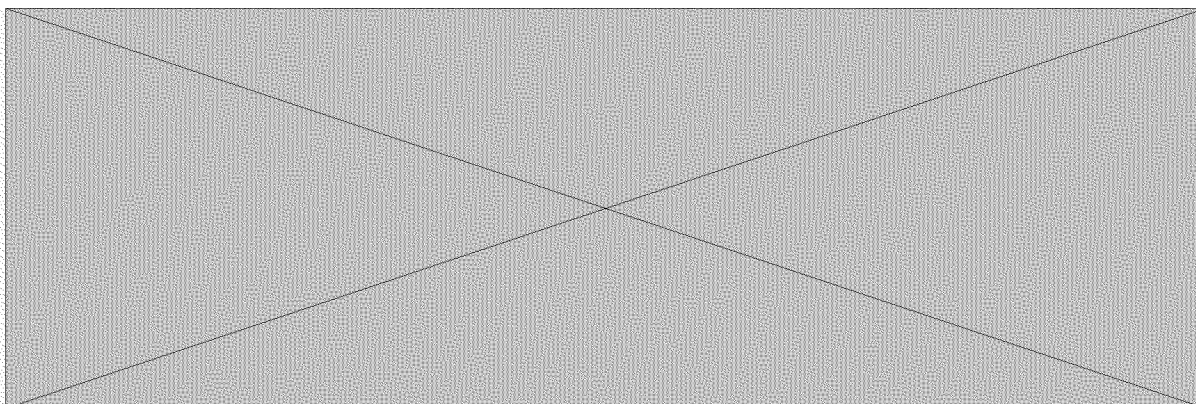
USGS to release study on earthquakes 1 p.m.

Thursday

Gore, others speak at Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training in Denver 10 a.m.

Friday

No events scheduled



Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) Kushner, Ivanka Trump Pushed to Remove Words Critical of Climate Deal From Executive Order

Amy Harder and Peter Nicholas, The Wall Street Journal

2) Trump to roll back Obama's climate, water rules through executive action

Juliet Eilperin and Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

3) US Defense Secretary: We're not in Iraq to seize oil

Madison Park and Daniel Allman, CNN

4) Exclusive: Russia asks energy companies for PR info ahead of election

Katya Golubkova and Maria Tsvetkova, Reuters

5) How an Interoffice Spat Erupted Into a Climate-Change Furor

Hiroko Tabuchi, The New York Times

6) Environmental Quality Commission on the ropes

James Bruggers and Tom Loftus, Louisville Courier-Journal

7) Eric Trump's brother-in-law landed an Energy Department job

Ben Geman, Axios

8) Southern Co.'s New 'Clean Coal' Plant May Not Be Cost-Efficient

Russell Gold, The Wall Street Journal

9) No Mention of Climate in Pruitt's Address to EPA Employees

Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

10) America's Aging Dams Are in Need of Repair

Troy Griggs, et al., The New York Times

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